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SUBJECT: PRC INTEREST IN CANTON TRADE FAIR REFORMS

A NUMBER OF U. S. BUSINESSMEN HAVE INFORMED DEPTOFFS THAT CHINESE COMMERCIAL OFFICERS AT THE PRC LIAISON OFFICE (PRCLO) IN WASHINGTON AND AT THE PRC UN MISSION HAVE EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION AT THE RESULTS OF THE LAST CANTON TRADE FAIR AND REQUESTED ADVICE FROM BUSINESSMEN ON (1) HOW TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE TO THE FAIR'S IMAGE RESULTING FROM HIGH PRICES AND SLOW BUSINESS; AND (2) HOW TO ADJUST FAIR MECHANISMS AND PROCEDURES TO AVOID REPETITION AT THE NEXT FAIR. DEPARTMENT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY EVIDENCE THAT SIMILAR REQUESTS ARE BEING MADE OF BUSINESSMEN ELSEWHERE. RUSH
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